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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication mailed May 24, 2002. In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby elect Group II, containing claims 18-25 that are drawn to oligonucleotides. This election is made without traverse.

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